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| Title: | Billy Bishop Biography Fonds, 1987-1989 | | |
| Creator: | Ontario Editorial Bureau | | |
| Dates of Material: | 1987-1989 | Record Group Number: | RG 75-65 |
| Summary of Contents: | <p>Correspondence, Press Releases and Clippings, 1987-1989</p> <p>1.1 Includes correspondence and clippings regarding the Billy Bishop film and the writing of the Billy Bishop story as part of the Canadians Series published by Fitzhenry and Whiteside. Also included are articles about <i>The Kid Who Couldn't Miss</i>, a National Film Board Production which drew much criticism from veterans and academics. Because of the protest which came about because of the film, it was re-labeled as a docu-drama. The National Film Board agreed to produce another documentary, 1987</p> <p>1.2 Contains a manuscript of <i>William Avery "Billy" Bishop (1894-1956)</i> by William D. Mathieson. Mathieson defends Billy Bishop against claims made in the National Film Board production that Bishop faked the June 1917 raid to enhance his reputation. Numerous articles about Billy Bishop are included, 1988</p> <p>1.3 Includes correspondence regarding the manuscript of the Billy Bishop Biography. Mr. Max Ward of Wardair and the vice-president, administration/secretary of Aerospace Industries Association of Canada were approached to undertake the project. Neither of these companies accepted. The Billy Bishop Foundation also declined the proposition, 1989</p> | | |
| Physical Description / Condition: | 5 cm. (3 files) containing correspondence and clippings. | | |
| Administrative/ Biographical Sketch | <p>The Billy Bishop biography entitled <i>William Avery "Billy" Bishop (1894-1956)</i> was the first in a series of thematic studies for readers aged 8-12. Each book presented a portrait of a Canadian of accomplishment. The book was written by William Mathieson of Belleville.</p> <p>Billy Bishop became Britain's leading air ace at the age of 24. He was a commander of the first Canadian air force and the most decorated man in World War I. After the war, he was a partner in a pioneer commercial air service and then an executive with an oil company. In World War II, he</p> | | |

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| | helped Canada's Air Force and the Commonwealth Air Training Plan to become a model for other countries. His book, <i>Winged Peace</i> was published in 1944. | | |
| Location: | Brock University Archives | | |
| Source Information: | This collection is part of the Ontario Editorial Bureau fonds, donated by Lou Cahill in November 1997. | | |
| Subject Headings: Added Entries: | Cahill, Louis Ontario Editorial Bureau Bishop, William Avery, d1894-1956 | | |
| Related material held at other repositories: | | | |
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